

Dr. Broughton on Evolution.

"Evolution—Did the Earth Make Itself and Did a Monkey Make Man?" was the subject of Rev. Len G. Broughton, in Grove Avenue Baptist church last night. Dr. Broughton spoke, in part, as follows:

"We are now having much discussion over evolution in its relation to the Bible account of the creation. Many devout and earnest Christian leaders are making war on every college professor in our Christian colleges and every minister of the Gospel who subscribes to any form of evolution whatsoever; some are going so far as to say one cannot be a Christian and believe in evolution. "This extreme position, which is most unfortunate, grows out of a one-sided view of what the word evolution means. As a matter of fact, there are two schools of teaching with regard to evolution.

Defies Science.

"The atheistic evolutionist defies what he calls science and holds that man came from some lower order of animal—very likely the monkey. With this premise, he ignores the Genesis account of the creation. Everything to him has come through evolution, which has been its own master.

"The 'Garden of Eden' story to such teachers is also a myth. They hold that if man fell at all in Eden it was when in due process of evolution he lost his monkey tail and found that he should no longer cling to a limb on a tree, but should walk upright on land as lord of earth.

"Now, it is this form of evolution which a so-called history of mankind now being published in a number of newspapers throughout the country is advocating. It is a subtle attempt to account for every created thing without God. It is not new. Darwin and others worked it to a finish. Bob Ingersoll made a little fortune out of it. And now one is amazed to see the press of the present day reviving the old blasphemy and pushing it into our homes as something new to make sceptics and infidels of our children.

"Stage is Set."

"Let us have the introductory word from the writer of this so-called 'his tory of mankind,' and get his viewpoint. He says in his first chapter:

"In this chapter I shall tell you how (according to our best belief) the stage was set for the first appearance of man. In the beginning, the planet upon which we live was (as far as we know) a large ball of flaming matter, a tiny cloud of smoke in the endless ocean of space. Gradually, in the course of millions of years, the surface burned itself out, and was covered with a thin layer of rocks. Upon these lifeless rocks the rain descended in endless torrents, wearing out the hard granite and carrying the dust to the valleys that lay hidden between the high cliffs of the steaming earth.

"Then one day the great wonder happened. What had been dead gave birth to life. The first living cell floated upon the waters of the sea. For millions of years it drifted aimlessly, but during all that time it was developing certain habits that it might survive more easily upon the inhospitable earth."

"From this the writer goes on to show how the fish filled the waters and then certain ones of their group made themselves into birds and others into reptiles and others into animals, and then wonder of wonders—the monkey made man. If ever mortal man faced anything more silly than this, I do not know it. There are three absurdities in his statement:

"Was Ball of Fire."

"That 'in the beginning this planet was a ball of fire, etc.' Where did the planet come from? To begin at the beginning, is to begin with nothing. "That one day that which was dead gave birth to life. How could an inanimate thing become animate? How could death of itself create life?

"That this living cell, after floating for millions of years on the sea finally worked itself into all sorts of living creatures and finally into a monkey, who finally worked himself into man. This absurdity is too absurd to be even questioned. The whole thing is ridiculous and an insult to intelligent beings, and our amazement grows when we see how our homes are being flooded with such blasphemy; and we cannot help voicing a protest and a warning.

Theistic Evolutionist.

"The theistic evolutionist is one who sees in creation the unfolding of a process with God in every movement. He taken his position with the Genesis story and adheres to it all the way through. He begins with the first verse of the story: 'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.' "The theistic evolutionist believes this emphatic and sweeping declaration of the Old Book. It is all that is

said in the Bible about the creation of the heavens and the earth. God created them all. No method is given, not even a hint of a method used by Him for this creative work; nor is there any length of time stated. He could have done it in a day or He may have taken millions of years.

"When we leave the first verse and take up the second we pass into an entirely new era of the earth's formation:

"And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

"This cannot be a description of the earth as originally created, but of the earth as it became through some cataclysmic change, some great upheaval, resulting, perhaps, from Divine judgment. It was then without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. From this point on, God is at work bringing order out of chaos until we have the earth as we have ever known it. How long He was in doing it matters not. What His process was is of no concern. God brought it about.

Finally Comes to Man.

"By a great leap we finally come to man. How do we account for man? The Genesis story states that, 'God created man in His own image; in the image of God created He him, male and female, created He them.' Three times in this verse it is stated that God created man. There is nothing said here about the process, but it is said that God created him; and the Hebrew word for 'create' always stands for definiteness—something entirely new and complete. The word is used in a threefold sense in the Genesis story. God created the heavens and the earth; sentient (animal) life; man.

A gulf existed between each of these orders. Evolution, without doubt, worked wonders in each sphere and still works, but between them there was a gulf which evolution could not bridge, it could be done by God. Sentient (animal) life could not evolve from the earth, nor could man evolve from sentient, or animal life. God alone could create.

Reasonable and Scientific.

"This is the theistic view of evolution and it is scriptural, reasonable and scientific, and while war is being waged on evolution, let us discriminate between evolution without God and evolution with God in all the processes. The process of God in creation is of small concern. No man can dogmatize about it. Science does not know and the Bible does not say, but God's place in it is all important. Let us stand there. Whatever His method was we care not; how long it took Him to bring it all about, we will not speculate, but we are willing to offer up our life, if need be for the faith that we have that not a dust of granite from yonder highest mountain, to the finest particle of mist that floats over the valley at its base, and not a life cell in animal or human life ever moved without having God back of it and God in it. Man is as God created him, body and soul and spirit. Wonderful workmanship."—Richmond Paper.

The Twelve Great Women.

Replying to the request of a Chilean writer, addressed to the League of Women Voters of the City of New York, to name the twelve greatest American women now living, Miss Mary Garret Hay, chairman of the league, has suggested the following: "Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, Miss Jane Addams, Dr. M. Cary Thomas, former president of Bryn Mawr; Mrs. Mary C. Bedford, superintendent of education in Denver, Col.; Cecilia Beaux, artist; Edith Wharton, novelist; Mrs. Raymond Robbins, Amy Lowell, poet; Mrs. Maud Park, president of the league; Helen Ring Robinson of Colorado, first woman state senator; Mary Garden and Mary Shaw.

For all The State knows Miss Hay is eminently accurate in her enumeration, although six of the twelve names are unfamiliar to it, which is doubtless due to ignorance.

How illustrious are these twelve women? Is any one of them so well known to literature as Booth Tarkington? Or in industry as Henry Ford? Or in politics and law as Elihu Root? Or in science as Thomas A. Edison? Or in education as Arthur T. Hadley?

Has the time come in the United States to compare the greatness of women with the greatness of mere men? Perhaps it may be said, with truth, that woman has too recently come into her own for such a comparison to be just. Others may say the twelve greatest American women may never have had their names in the newspaper.—The State.

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I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the House of Representatives from Edgefield county and pledge myself to abide by the rules and results of the Democratic party. CLAUDE T. BURNETT.

To the Democratic Voters of Edgefield County:

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I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Clerk of Court of Edgefield County and if elected I shall strive to make you a good and efficient officer. I pledge myself to abide by the result of the democratic primary election. LUKE T. MAY.

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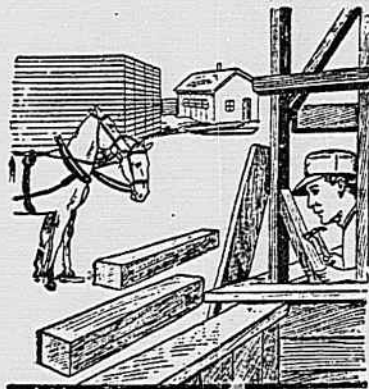
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